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SENATE BILL NO. 2081

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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-41-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO CLARIFY THE MEANING ASCRIBED TO PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR PURPOSES OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. Section 25-41-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-41-3. For purposes of this chapter, the following words shall have the meaning ascribed herein, to wit:

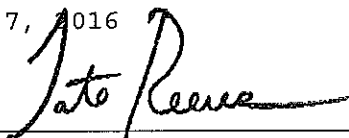
(a) "Public body" means any executive or administrative board, commission, authority, council, department, agency, bureau or any other policymaking entity, or committee thereof, of the State of Mississippi, or any political subdivision or municipal corporation of the state, whether the entity be created by statute or executive order, which is supported wholly or in part by public funds or expends public funds, and any standing, interim or special committee of the Mississippi Legislature. The term "public body" includes the governing board of a charter school

authorized by the Mississippi Charter School Authorizer Board and the board of trustees of a community hospital as defined in Section 41-13-10. There shall be exempted from the provisions of this chapter:

- (i) The judiciary, including all jury deliberations;
 - (ii) Law enforcement officials;
 - (iii) The military;
 - (iv) The State Probation and Parole Board;
 - (v) The Workers' Compensation Commission;
 - (vi) Legislative subcommittees and legislative conference committees;
 - (vii) The arbitration council established in Section 69-3-19;
 - (viii) License revocation, suspension and disciplinary proceedings held by the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners; and
 - (ix) Hearings and meetings of the Board of Tax Appeals and of the hearing officers and the board of review of the Department of Revenue as provided in Section 27-77-15.
- (b) "Meeting" means an assemblage of members of a public body at which official acts may be taken upon a matter over which the public body has supervision, control, jurisdiction or advisory power * * *, including an assemblage through the use of video or teleconference devices that conforms to Section 25-41-5.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 2016. It is the intent of the Legislature that this act apply retroactively.

PASSED BY THE SENATE
April 7, 2016



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
March 25, 2016



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR



GOVERNOR

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